

Weekly Announcements

NOTE: To place an announcement, please prepare a *brief* copy, including contact information, to bonnie@saintpeterscolumbia.org no later than TUESDAY.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

July 28—Daughters of the King Installation and Reception

August 4—Rally Day/ Blessing of the Backpacks

August 5—Maury County First Day of School

August 9-11—Tennessee Episcopal Laymen's Conference

NEEDED---SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Although it's the middle of summer---it's not too early to plan for the fall. We are putting out the call for those who can share their time with the children of our congregation. Please prayerfully consider this very important ministry. We need you, your passion and your commitment. Please contact Jane Rodriguez -Keeton for further information.

RALLY DAY

On August 4th we will have Rally Day. Rally Day is an end of summer - back to school celebration at 9:15am. This year from 9:15am - 10:15am we will have a time of fellowship on our front lawn (weather permitting). During this time children will meet their Sunday School teachers for this coming year. At the 10:15am service there will be a blessing of our students backpacks.

EPISCOPAL LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE-- Men---mark your calendars. The 78th Annual Conference of the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee is August 9, 10, 11, at St. Mary's Retreat Center in Sewanee. This year's theme is "Brothers Dwelling Together in Unity." Register online at tnchurchmen.org.

HARVEST SHARE

Over 400 families are currently being served by our local Harvest Share. Boxes of Mac & Cheese are a big need as is cereal, ramen noodles, spaghetti & other pastas, beans, crackers, corn, mixed veggies. Food in cans with pop tops is best for the homeless population. They continue to be very grateful for the plasticware and heavy duty grocery sacks, so please continue to collect those.

FAMILY CENTER

Thank you for the amazing contributions to the Family Center cereal drive. To date we donated 160 boxes of cereal/breakfast bars. The Family Center Cereal Drive continues through August. They also have a continual need for powder laundry detergent, bar soap and toilet paper. For those who might not be aware, the Family Center is very fortunate to have a revenue stream from Common Threads to supplement donations. If you have items you might normally take to Goodwill, you might consider taking them to Common Threads (107 Wayne St) instead. We are now needing to turn our attention to **backpacks for K-12 students**. Instead of having a certain distribution day this year, they have been distributing as families/students come by requesting a backpack. Please bear in mind the upper school students carry all their books around all day, so need a sturdy backpack to accommodate the weight. The Family Center has also made a list of school supplies that are needed as well. These may be placed in the backpack or placed separately in the container. A note of encouragement might also be included in the backpacks.

I am so thankful to be a part of such an amazing, caring church family. Vicki Kenney

CROSSROADS TO HOME

The following items are needed for the Crossroads Cafe to furnish Friday Bags for those that don't have a way to cook a meal. · Small Pop-Top cans- Tuna, Vienna Sausage, Soup, etc · Individual packages of Tuna with Crackers · Small individual packages of crackers, Saltine, etc · Pop-Tarts · Boxed Milk-Shelf Stable · Individual packages of Mayonnaise and Mustard.

OPERATION STAND DOWN

Operation Stand Down, a non-profit organization that helps veterans with housing, food and other resources, is asking for our help. They need towels and wash rags for their clients at the Columbia location. They also ask for individual bags of potato chips and other "crunchies". Located at 1900 B, Shady Brook Street, Columbia, they are open M-F 8-4:30. Drop by and say "hello".